I am a big suppporter of Independent ISPs. Since 1996, I have used many ISPs, both from the large telecoms (PacBell, SBC) and smaller, independent firms like StickDog in Virginia and Sonic.net in California. The independent firms have always offered more service options (like iDSL when DSL wasn't available), been easier to work with and generally provided better service. It would be very harmful to consumers to support the BellSouth Request.